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In view of the fact that this communication was received in November, may I know, whether there has been any extraordinary circumstance which has prevented the Hon. the Leader of the House from implementing his promise to this House?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is a pity that the hon. Member was not here when I was referring to this question in one of the supplementaries, which I answered this morning. Therein I stated that this Government were asked to submit their report in time so that the Government of India may decide and pass the necessary orders. So, the Government of Madras could not bring it before the Council."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if, in the communication of the Government of India, these three taluks of Bellary district have been treated as undisputed taluks and that they should be incorporated into the Andhra Province."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir. The Madras Government have themselves recommended in this matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether any definite date was fixed for a reply to the communication from the Government of India?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the resolution of the Bellary Municipal Council that the whole of the Bellary district should be included in the Andhra Province, in case the Madras Province is divided?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Alleged mismanagement of Sri Kothandaramaswami temple, Buchireddipalem, by the trustee.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether some petitions have been sent by the public of Buchireddipalem village in Nellore district, alleging mismanagement of Sri Kothandaramaswami temple in Buchireddipalem by the trustee;

(*b*) if so, what the charges levelled against the trustee in those petitions are;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to enquire into all those charges;

(*d*) if any enquiry has been conducted, by whom; and what the results of that enquiry are; and

(*e*) if the enquiry is not completed, how long it will take?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) A petition from the Secretary, Yuvajana Sangham, Buchireddipalem, and three others has been received.

" (*b*) The main charges are that the trustee is suppressing information regarding the income of the temple and is alienating the temple properties irregularly.

"(c) The President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, has been asked to enquire into the allegations.

"(d) The enquiry is still pending.

"(e) The President hopes to complete the enquiry by the end of December 1949. We have not yet received the communication from the President."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—"Has the order not yet been issued?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"We have not yet received the report from the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. As soon as it is received, the Government will take action."

Investment of special jurisdiction for the acquisition of lands for the Tungabhadra Project.

* 85 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 295 answered on 22nd April 1949 whether any, and if so, what action has been taken regarding investment of special jurisdiction under the Land Acquisition Act to the District Munsif of Hospet?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—"The Government have since appointed, the District Munsif, Hospet, within the local limits of his jurisdiction, to perform the functions of the 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act. The question of undertaking legislation for amending the Land Acquisition Act so as to invest all District Munsifs with powers of a 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act, is still under the consideration of the Government."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Sir, will the Government consider the question as to which Court appeals should lie from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court in land acquisition cases?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"When the Act is amended, all these questions will be considered."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"But, then, to which Court should appeals be preferred from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court, which will be functioning from now?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"I should like to have notice, Sir."

Scheme for Cottage Industries.

* 86 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any plan for encouraging Cottage Industries, and if so, what it is;

(b) whether any scheme is being worked out for the purpose; and

(c) whether any Cottage Industries Expert has been appointed?